

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device configured to display:

(i) a plurality of sections; ~~an a section~~ outcome associated with said plurality of sections; and

(ii) a plurality of reels ; ~~including~~ a plurality of symbols ~~on the reels~~, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, wherein each of said section indicator symbols is associated with one of the sections; ~~a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols; and~~

~~a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and~~

a processor operable programmed to operate with said at least one display device to:

(a) provide a plurality ~~predetermined number of~~ free spins of the reels to a player upon ~~the an~~ occurrence of the ~~a~~ triggering event, said predetermined number being at least two,

(b) for each of the provided free spins until all of the sections are obtained, ~~the processor is operable to:~~

(a) (i) activate the reels,

(b)(ii) obtain at least one of the sections ~~when if~~ a designated combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels, and

(c)(iii) increment ~~the a~~ modifier ~~when if~~ said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, and

(d)(c) provide if all of the sections are obtained within said provided number of free spins:

(i) display the section outcome associated with the plurality of

sections, and

(ii) provide the section outcome associated with the plurality of sections to the player ~~when each of the sections has been obtained~~, wherein the section outcome is modified by the modifier.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of modifiers ~~associated with the section indicator symbols~~.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a randomly determined amount.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the section outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device configured to display:

(i) a plurality of sections;

(ii) a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of said sections; and

(iii) a plurality of designated symbol combinations, said designated symbol combinations including at least two of said section indicator symbols, wherein each of said designated symbol combinations causes ~~the~~ at least one of the sections to be obtained when ~~the said designated symbol combinations are~~ a combination is indicated on the reels; and

a processor programmed to operate with said at least one display device to provide a plurality—predetermined number of free spins provided—to a player, said predetermined number being at least two, wherein the reels are activated for each of said provided free spins; until all the sections are obtained, and wherein if all of the sections are obtained by the indication of the designated symbol combinations on the reels within said provided number of free spins, an a section outcome associated with said plurality of sections is displayed and provided to the player, wherein said outcome is provided to the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained by the indication of the designated symbol combinations on the reels before there are no free spins remaining.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination is indicated on the reels.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one multiplier ~~associated with the section indicator symbols~~.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 25 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a random amount.

Claim 27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the section outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 30 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 31 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the payline.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the paylines.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

at least one display device configured to display:

(i) a plurality of sections; ~~an~~ a section outcome associated with said plurality of sections; and

(ii) a plurality of reels; including a plurality of symbols ~~on the reels~~, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, wherein each of said section indicator symbols is associated with one of the sections; ~~a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols; and~~

~~a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and~~

a processor operable programmed to operate with said at least one display device to:

(a) provide a ~~plurality predetermined number~~ of free spins of the reels to a player upon ~~the an occurrence of the a~~ triggering event, wherein said predetermined number being at least two.

(b) for each of the provided free spins until all of the sections are obtained, ~~the processor is operable to:~~

(a)(i) activate the reels,

(b)(ii) obtain at least one of the sections ~~when if~~ a designated combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels,

(c)(iii) increment ~~the a~~ modifier ~~when if~~ said designated

combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, and

~~(d)(iv)~~ eliminate said section indicator symbols included in said designated combination of section indicator symbols from the reels when if said designated combination of section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, and

~~(e)(c)~~ provide if all of the sections are obtained within said provided number of free spins:

(i) display the section outcome associated with the plurality of sections, and

(ii) provide to the player when each of the sections has been obtained, wherein the section outcome associated with the plurality of sections to the player, wherein the section outcome is modified by the modifier.

Claim 35 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 36 (original): The gaming device of Claim 35, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of modifiers ~~associated with the section indicator symbols~~.

Claim 38 (original): The gaming device of Claim 37, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.

Claim 39 (original): The gaming device of Claim 38, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.

Claim 40 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 41 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 42 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 44 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a randomly determined amount.

Claim 45 (canceled).

Claim 46 (canceled).

Claim 47 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the section outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 48 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 49 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 50 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

Claim 51 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- ~~(a) providing to a player a plurality of free spins of the reels;~~
- ~~(a)~~ displaying a plurality of sections, said plurality of sections associated with a section outcome;
- ~~(b)~~ displaying a plurality of reels having a plurality of symbols, an outcome, and a plurality of sections associated with said outcome to a player, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, wherein said section indicator symbols are associated with each of said sections;
- ~~(c)~~ providing to a player a predetermined number of free spins of the reels, said predetermined number being at least two; and
- ~~(e)(d)~~ activating the reels for each of the provided free spins until all of the sections are obtained;
 - ~~(i)~~ activating the reels;
- ~~(d)~~ (ii) determining whether a designated combination of said section indicator symbols are is indicated on the reels;
- ~~(e)~~ (iii) obtaining at least one of the sections when if said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels; and
- ~~(f)~~ (iv) eliminating the section indicator symbols included in said designated symbol combination from the reels when if said designated symbol combination is indicated on the reels; and
- ~~(d) repeating steps (c) to (g) until there are no free spins remaining or until all of the sections are obtained; and~~
- ~~(h)(d)~~ if all of the sections have been obtained within said provided number of free spins, providing the section outcome associated with said plurality of sections to the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, wherein ~~the step of obtaining~~ at least one of the sections ~~when if~~ said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels includes removing the section.

Claim 54 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes obtaining all of the sections when a designated symbol combination including at least one wild symbol occurs on the reels.

Claim 55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (currently amended): The method of Claim 55, which includes ~~the step of~~ incrementing ~~the a~~ multiplier for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 57 (currently amended): The method of Claim-55 56, which includes ~~the step of~~ incrementing the multiplier for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The method of Claim-55 56, which includes ~~the step of~~ incrementing the multiplier by a predetermined amount.

Claim 59 (currently amended): The method of Claim-55 56, which includes ~~the step of~~ incrementing the multiplier by a random amount.

Claim 60 (canceled).

Claim 61 (canceled).

Claim 62 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, which includes ~~the step of~~ providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 63 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, which includes ~~the step of~~ providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for a plurality of the designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 64 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, wherein ~~the step of obtaining~~ at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections ~~when if~~ said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a payline associated with the reels.

Claim 65 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, wherein ~~the step of obtaining~~ at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections ~~when if~~ said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a plurality of paylines associated with the reels.

Claim 66 (currently amended): The method of Claim 52, wherein ~~the steps (a) to (h)~~ are which is provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 67 (original): The method of Claim 66, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 68 (new): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the triggering event is associated with at least one of the symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on the reels.

Claim 69 (new): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of designated combinations of said symbols are each associated with a winning symbol combination outcome.

Claim 70 (new): The gaming device of Claim 69, wherein for each of said free spins, if any of said designated combinations of said symbols occur on the reels, said processor is programmed to provide to the player the winning symbol combination outcome associated with each of said designated combinations of symbols which occurs on the reels.

Claim 71 (new): The gaming device of Claim 70, wherein each winning symbol combination outcome provided to the player is modified by the modifier in said free spin.

Claim 72 (new): The gaming device of Claim 69, wherein the winning symbol combination outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 73 (new): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein a plurality of winning symbol combinations are each associated with a winning symbol combination outcome.

Claim 74 (new): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein for each winning symbol combination indicated on the reels, said processor is programmed to provide the winning symbol combination outcome associated with said winning symbol combination to the player.

Claim 75 (new): The gaming device of Claim 73, wherein the winning symbol combination outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 76 (new): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the triggering event is associated with at least one of the symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on the reels.

Claim 77 (new): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein a plurality of designated combinations of said symbols are each associated with a winning symbol combination outcome.

Claim 78 (new): The gaming device of Claim 77, wherein for each of said free spins, if any of said designated combinations of said symbols occur on the reels, said processor is programmed to provide to the player the winning symbol combination outcome associated with each of said designated combinations of symbols which occurs on the reels.

Claim 79 (new): The gaming device of Claim 78, wherein each winning symbol combination outcome provided to the player is modified by the modifier in said free spin.

Claim 80 (new): The gaming device of Claim 77, wherein the winning symbol combination outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 81 (new): The method of Claim 52, wherein a plurality of designated combinations of said symbols are each associated with a winning symbol combination outcome.

Claim 82 (new): The method of Claim 81, which includes, for each of said free spins, providing the winning symbol combination outcome associated with each of said designated combinations of symbols which occurs on the reels.

Claim 83 (new): The method of Claim 81, wherein the winning symbol outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.